



*** Note: Applying this to our topic, the Pharisees had "tasted" the heavenly gift and were "partakers of the Holy Ghost," but they refused to accept it. In doing so, they closed the door to the only way to salvation; acceptance of the Messiah through the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

([Heb 10:26](#)) For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

The same sin that the Pharisees committed can also be committed today. When a non-Christian rejects the conviction of the Holy Spirit; to recognize that one is a sinner, repent of sin, and accept Jesus Christ to pay for that sin, they are closing the door to salvation. This conviction by the Holy Spirit occurs a number of times over the course of a non-Christian's life. However, as a person rejects this conviction over and over, it gradually leads to a hardening of the heart. (This is why most people become Christians when young.) As the non-Christian gets older, one of two things generally happen: he will finally die in unbelief OR his heart will become so hardened later in life that he loses all desire to be saved and pardoned. There is evidence in the Scriptures that this hardening can occur before a person dies ([Mt 12:32](#) - no forgiveness "in this age or in the age to come")(Also see: [1 Tim 4:2](#), [Rom 1:18-29](#), [Eph 4:17-19](#)). If this happens, the Holy Spirit will no longer strive to bring that person to repentance. (However, since we cannot know a person's heart, we cannot know if or when a person has reached this state.)

Therefore, when we die in unbelief, we have done just what the Pharisees did; with full knowledge and light, we have willfully, pridefully, and purposefully rejected the truth about Jesus that was given to us by the Holy Spirit. We have "blasphemed the Holy Spirit."

In closing, let me add two things. First, there are those who believe that "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit" is in some way speaking evil of the Holy Spirit (or God). As we have seen from this study, this is not the case. Yes, we can blaspheme God (or the Holy Spirit) by speaking evil of Him, or by doing other things (see [previous study](#)). However, blaspheming the Holy Spirit in this way is not the "unforgiveable sin." Through Jesus, we can be forgiven of this kind blasphemy. We must turn to Him, confess our sin, and repent. Again, "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit" is rejecting the Spirit's conviction which leads to salvation.

Secondly, I would also like to share another view on what "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit" is. There are some who believe that this sin was specific to the time in which it occurred. In other words, it is impossible for this sin to be committed today. The Pharisees "directly" attributed the miracle of Jesus (through the Holy Spirit) to Beelzebub. They "directly" accused Jesus of having "an unclean spirit" ([Mk 3:30](#)). However, since Jesus is no longer in flesh on Earth, a person cannot "directly" confront Jesus in this way, and therefore, cannot commit this sin. In other words, we cannot attribute a miracle of the Holy Spirit, done through Jesus, to Satan because Jesus no longer is walking the Earth performing miracles.

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